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In recent years, CD-ROM products have become established as an important supplement to the services offered within Oxford libraries. On a stand-alone basis, they are used extensively as bibliographic tools with the readers as the primary end-users. Of growing significance is their use by cataloging staff as sources of bibliographic records and Library of Congress Subject Headings for adding to OLIS, Oxford's DOBIS/LIBIS integrated library system.

In order to make CD-ROMs more widely available by cost-effective means, the University is currently examining multi-user, networking solutions. This paper will discuss the three approaches that are being taken: Logcraft 386-ware & CD-ware, Opti-Net and UNIX - indicating the problems associated with each, particularly with respect to providing wide area access to the CD-ROMs.